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NEWFOUNDLAND TRAVELLING POST OFFICES

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With the Confederation of Newfoundland it was only to be expected that fresh obliterations would be issued to the various post offices there. Of these, those issued to the Travelling Post Offices have long held my interest.

Until the later part of June 1919, the old obliterator of Newfoundland was still in use. By mid-October apparently all the T. P. O.'s were using a new type of steel cancel, single line 23 mm. diam., with the month in Ro-

man numerals and the extreme terminals of call shown in abbreviated letters, those on the Coastal Boats having S. S. above the date, with T. P. O. at the base of the circle, as types 1-6. All Railway obliterations having R. P. O. at the base and the train number above the date, as types 7-10a, it being noticeable that no country of origin appears on the cancel.

Taking the coastal boats, we now have Argenticia & Port aux Basques T. P. O. for the former South West Coas-

tal T. P. O., as type 1.

Lewisporte and Shoe Cove T. P. O. Lewisporte & Fogo T. P. O. for the former Notre Dame Bay North and South T. P. O.'s, types 2 and 3.

St. John's & Lewisporte T. P. O. former Fogo Dist. T. P. O., type 4.

St. John's & Hopedale T. P. O. formerly Labrador T. P. O., type 5.

St. John's, Cook Harbour & Corner Brook T. P. O. in place of the S. S. Northern Ranger cancel, type 6.

I understand that Port aux Basques & North Sydney T. P. O. still exists but assume this will be in the new type.

I have not seen the Argenticia & Grand Bank T. P. O., nor the Corner Brook-Battle Harbour T. P. O., but assume that these two cover the former Placentia Bay T. P. O. and the Straits T. P. O. There is a possibility of a further T. P. O. between Argenticia and Isle of Valen as the S. S. "Home," which covers the Placentia Bay area, makes alternate journeys from Argenticia to Grand Bank and Isle

of Valen every two weeks.

Regarding R. P. O.'s:

Clarenceville & Bonavista R. P. O. former Bonavista Ry.—Trains Nos. 11, 23 westbound, Sun. and Tues.; Trains Nos. 12, 24 eastbound, Mon. and Wed. (Type 7).

St. John's & Argenticia R. P. O. former Argenticia R. P. O.—Trains No. 5 westbound and No. 6 eastbound (Type 8).

St. John's & Carbonear R. P. O. former Conception Bay R. P. O.—Train No. 7 westbound and No. 8 eastbound (Type 9).

St. John's & Port aux Basques R. P. O. as before but as new type—Train No. 1 westward, Train No. 2 eastward, Train No. 3, Overland Limited, running Sundays (Type 10).

As before but with larger letters (Type 10a).

If any reader can let me know the actual dates of issue of these cancels, and whether the Argenticia & Isle of Valen T. P. O. exists, it would be greatly appreciated by the writer.

SALES TOPICS

Some Figures: During the first quarter of 1950 sales totaled \$181.68. Forty-five books were retired and \$566.18 disbursed to the owners and the Commission and Insurance Accounts.

Some Facts: Since Canada's dollar has gone down 10%, many buyers are making their purchases of stamps in Canada, taking full advantage of the situation for their own and their collection's benefit. This means that the dealers in the U. S. will have to cut their lists accordingly if they want to meet this competition.

Some Facts and Figures: It was necessary for me to refuse 11 books for circulation due to the owners having ignored the present monetary situation. The prices asked were not in

keeping with the times, and rather than send material to our members which was higher priced than was warranted, I returned the books uncirculated. When pricing books for entry, please remember—If you are in Canada, you will be paid in U. S. funds for your material; and if you are in the U. S., remember that your books will be circulated in Canada too, and you must be prepared to meet the competition of the 90c Dollar.

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